

E. Quincy
Bedham Mar. 30. '44.

Dear Mr. Chapman:

I send you a letter for Webb,
which you may read if you please,
and are going to write yourself, as
you can see what I have told. If
you have no more to write than will make
up a half ounce together with mine,
you had better enclose mine, as they
will go for me postage. If I can
raise the sum of two cents I will
enclose them to satisfy the rapacious
Post Office Dism, if not please to
advance them I charge the sum to
my account.

W. Spear told me yesterday
that the Convention at Medway was
a spirited one, though not large.
Douglass called on Sanford and
tried to persuade him to go in
of the meeting - but it was no go.

I am in hopes that the demonstra-
-tions satisfied him, if he be
capable of satisfaction, of the A. S.
character of Liberty Party. In the
evening there was a Washingtonian
Meeting & the Agents went to it, and
Pillsbury did not lose his opportunity
of giving the clergy a Lib. Party
informant was a Liberty Party
Deacon. He said Pillsbury said
that "if the clergy were willing
to come in & work like other
folks - well & good; if they
wanted to take the lead, why,
throw 'em overboard!" This
he seemed to think was bonish
in the extreme.

I return the Churlewits with
many thanks. I don't see
that they are not as good

in the main as his novels
generally. We are almost sure
that we began it, after all
now that we find that we have
a lot & wait five months &
yet to the end of it. Tilton
told me that his next novel
he is going to publish in a
Camp like other people. He
told me moreover that there
is not the slightest ground
for the report of his being
intemperate - any more than
for his being in jail or in
a mad-house - that he is,
for an Englishman, or
remarkably temperate man.

I suppose you are sitting like a
chaffinch upon the hemlock in a
palm in the wilderness. I do not
think you could employ yourself
better than in writing to me some
account of yourself & the absent branches
of your family. The New Bedford
alligators seem determined to
have the letter me, if they can,
but they shall find that I
will be too many for them yet.
A Giraffe is not an animal
to be sneered at by sea or
alligator, whether on the
banks of the Nile or elsewhere.
If they don't take care I shall
treat them as Howardson did
Lady Rachel & not open their
letters when they do write.

Ever faithfully, &c.

Amos A. Quincy.

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